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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Tammara Schultz

**FORMER CWA OFFICER SENTENCED
FOR MAKING FALSE ENTRIES IN LABOR UNION FINANCIAL
RECORDS**

A former secretary-treasurer of Communications Workers of America Local 4101 in Bay City was sentenced to two years probation, including six months of home confinement, for making false entries in Local 4101 financial records in order to conceal her embezzlement of about \$22,500 from the Local.

Tammara Schultz, 33, who resides in Kawkawlin, Michigan, was sentenced by United States Magistrate Judge Charles E. Binder on March 20, 2007, in federal court in Bay City, Michigan.

Ms. Schultz pleaded guilty in December 2006 to one count of making false entries in Local 4101 financial records. During her guilty plea, she admitted that between February 2003 and January 2006, while she was the secretary-treasurer, she falsified Local 4101 financial records to conceal unauthorized ATM cash withdrawals from Local 4101's bank account, unauthorized

personal charges on the Local 4101 credit card, and Local 4101 checks issued to herself and to a third party on her behalf. The total amount of Local 4101 funds that were misappropriated was \$22,499.93.

At the sentencing, Magistrate Judge Binder noted that Ms. Schultz had no previous criminal record, but emphasized that the crime involved an abuse of her position of trust with the Local Union. Besides probation, Magistrate Judge Binder ordered Ms. Schultz to make restitution to the insurance company that covered Local 4101's losses.

The Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards conducted the investigation that led to the successful prosecution of the case.